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ORDINANCE NO. 2013.05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WILKESON, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON RELATING TO REGULAR PROPERTY TAXES; PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION PROVIDING FOR THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2013, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO LEVY REGULAR PROPERTY TAXES IN EXCESS OF THE LIMITATIONS OF CHAPTER 84.55 RCW; SETTING FORTH THE TEXT OF THE BALLOT PROPOSAL; DIRECTING THE PROPER TOWN OFFICIALS TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR PROPERLY RELATED MATTERS.

Whereas, RCW 84.55.050(1) provides for a levy of regular property taxes in an amount exceeding the limitations specified in Chapter 84.55 RCW if such increased levy is authorized by a proposition approved by a majority of the voters at the general election held within the taxing district, and

Whereas, the Town Council has determined that it is essential and necessary for the public health, safety and welfare that the Town have adequate funding for fire services, and emergency medical services, and that based upon the projections of revenue that will otherwise be available to the Town in the coming calendar years the current regular property tax revenues will be insufficient to provide adequate funding for these purposes, and

Whereas, the fire and emergency medical services was previously provided by East Pierce Fire and Rescue by a contractual relationship between them and the Town, which East Pierce Fire and Rescue has requested termination of such contract, and

Whereas, the consideration paid pursuant to the above referred to contract to the East Pierce Fire and Rescue was the East Pierce Fire and Rescue's use of the Town owned building which houses the Fire Department.

Now, therefore, the Town Council of the Town of Wilkeson, Pierce County, Washington do ordain as follows:

Section 1: The Town Council finds it in the best interest of the Town to submit to qualified voters of the Town a special election held on November 5, 2013 a proposition authorizing the Town to increase its regular property tax levy for collection in 2014 by an

amount greater than otherwise permitted under Chapter 84.55 RCW for the purposes described above and to use this greater levy as the base for calculating limitations under Chapter 84.55 RCW in succeeding years. If this proposition is approved, the Town Council will be authorized to adopt, in accordance with its regular budget process, an increased regular property levy as described above.

Section 2: The Town Council seeks voter approval of levy lid lift ballot proposition under RCW 84.55.050(1). If approved, the proposition would authorize the Town's regular tax levy rate for collection in 2014 to increase to not more than \$3.10 per \$1,000.00 assessed value. This represents an incremental increase over the rate levied for collection in 2013 of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 assessed value. The dollar amount of the maximum allowable levy under Chapter 84.55 RCW for collection in 2014 shall be used for the purposes of computing the limitations for the subsequent annual regular levies provided under Chapter 84.55 RCW. The amounts collected pursuant to the authorized increase shall be used solely for funding of fire and emergency services.

Section 3: The Auditor of Pierce County, Washington is hereby requested to call and conduct a special election in the Town in the manner prescribed by law, to be held on November 5, 2013 for the purposes of submitting to the voters of the Town the proposition in substantially the following form:

**Town of Wilkeson
Proposition No. 2
Levy Lid Lift for Fire and Emergency Services**

The Town Council of Wilkeson adopted Ordinance No. 2013.05 concerning the proposition to finance new fire safety equipment, supplies, operation and maintenance for the cost of the Town's fire station and for fire and emergency services. If approved this proposition would authorize the Town to levy regular property taxes at a rate of \$3.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value for 2014 collection. The 2014 levy amount will be used to collect the levy limits under Chapter 84.55 RCW for future levies. The amount of increase would be \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 assessed value.

TAX LEVY RATE INCREASE – YES


TAX LEVY RATE INCREASE – NO

Section 4: The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify the said proposition to the Supervisor of Elections for Pierce County, Washington forthwith as provided by law.

Section 5: The County Supervisor of Elections for Pierce County is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to cause notice of such election to be given for the time and in the manner and form required by the laws of the State of Washington, and the ordinances of the Town of Wilkeson, and to take necessary steps to bring about and carry out such election.

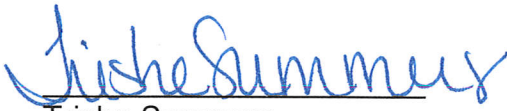
Section 6: If any provision of this Ordinance is determined to invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in force and effect.

Section 7: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.



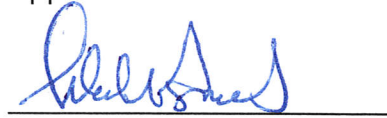
Mayor Donna Hogerhuis
INTRODUCED 7-29-13
PASSED 7-29-13
APPROVED 7-29-13
PUBLISHED 8-6-13

Attested:



Trisha Summers
Town Clerk

Approved as to form:



Michael J. Reynolds
Town Attorney

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Resolution Requested By: Mayor

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Shall the Town of Wilkeson be authorized to impose an increase of \$1.50 more per \$1,000.00 of assessed value of the regular property tax levy, raising the rate to \$3.10 per \$1,000.00 assessed 2014 collection valuation, to finance new fire safety equipment, supplies, operation and maintenance for the cost of the Town's fire station and for fire emergency services.

YES []

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NO []

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